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SEEK PEACE ON BASIS OF INDEPENDENCE.

Presidents Kruger and Steyn Conferred at Bloemfontein and Want to Secure

INDEPENDENCE OF REPUBLICS

End of the War Considered by British Officials to Be Near.

LONDON, March 10, 4:15 a. m .- Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, when explaining to the bankers the terms of the new loan, gave them an intimation that the government considered the end of the war near. "Since the estimates were prepared," he said, "events have taken required."

Whatever the government may know or intend, unofficial opinion seems everywhere to think that the Boer power

The eighth division has been under orders to embark for several weeks, but hese orders, as far as the artillery contingent is concerned, have been recall-ed, Lord Roberts having reported that no more artillery from home is neces-sary. This is the first pause in reinorcements since the war began. Redvers Buller, second in command in the field, and Lord Wolseley, are understood to consider that no more arillery is needed. Lord Roberts has altogether 452 guns, including siege

It is quite clear that General Buller will not try anything large in the future, as he is to lose Sir Charles Warren, and the latter's 10,000 men, who have been ordered to join Lord Roberts It is the expectation of the war office hat Lord Roberts, notwithstanding the necessity of garrisoning his depots, will be able to operate a constantly increasing force, until by the time the Transvaal frontier is reached he will have 0.000 troops.

His telegrams dealing with nones tials are taken to mean that he is up to some mischlef, as his apparent inaclivity usually spells uncommon activ

Beleaguered Mafeking.

Mafeking as a beleaguered town, attracts much sentiment and sympathy. Nothing has been heard from there since February 19. There is a rumor his morning that Colonel Baden-Powell has been relieved, but it cannot be raced to any substantial basis.

Mr. A. G. Hales, the Daily News correspondent, who fell into the hands of the Boers, February 7, and was re eased a few days ago at Bloemfontein. elegraphs some "inside impressions" o

"They are clever as cats in their rough mountain country and nearly as active, dashing from point to point with marvellous rapidity; equally at some on foot or in the saddle, never by chance expoing themselves needlessly but brave enough when mere courage

and use are necessary. "They watched our men moving toward them on the veldt, from behind oushes, rocks and loose earth, often allowing our scouts to get within a few vards, and permitting them to ride way unmolested in order to draw the roops into ambush.

It was into one of these snares that Mr. Hales, with eighty Tasmanians,

eribed in dress like a bullock driver, of disorganization of the Boer forces, with patched tweed trousers, a coarse Transvaal as well as Free State. olue cotton shirt, a dirty red cotton andkerchief round his neck, and a battered felt hat. He wore a pair oots that were ragged at the toes, his he had a short pipe in his mouth when Hales saw him. But he seemed full of dash and energy, and was said to be a celebrated hunter. His men did not salute him, but addressed him fa-

Mr. Hales and the other wounded were sent into the interior. Whenever their escort stopped at a Boer farm, pen and women gave them milk, fruit, and tobacco, washed their wounds and literally overwhelmed them with kindly attentions. When some of the British prisoners said they were mairied and had families, the Boer women would lift their children to be shaken by the hand.

The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, addressing the bankers and merchants at the Bank of England, to-day, on the subject of the war loan, said that in spite of all rumors the contrary, the government saw lications. A leading banker who is a of parliament, said to-night hat the entire £30,000,000 would be subcribed by lunch time to-morrow and probably £100,000,000 would be subed before the lists closed. The applications will exceed £200,000,-

PEACE PROBABLE

Within a Month-Kruger Greatly Disappointed. LONDON, March 9,-From variou

some sign of the possibility of peace in South Africa being shortly Within the bounds of practical politics the dispatches from Lord Roberts rters, including those of the der-in-chief himself, indicate be lack of a guiding spirit among the Born and individual demoralization,

ortending disintegration unless speed-

The flight of the burghers from Pop ar Grove, according to all accounts was wholly inglorious. A Times dissatch from Poplar Grove, under yes erday's date, goes so far as to assert plete that the submission of the Free State is being demanded by the burghers from their unwilling president, and it is expected that its submission will be made within a week. The corresondent adds:

"Probably the Boers' wisest course was flight, but it was most undignified and is certain to produce consternation at Bloemfontein. There is a growing outcry against any further identification of the Free State with the Trans-

Dispatches from the Boer camp at Glencoe, via Lorenzo Marques, depict President Kruger as donning a bando-ller, seizing a rifle and inviting volunteers to accompany him, as he wished to have a shot at the enemy himself.

President Kruger is also quoted as

having declared in his address to the troops that he "did not know whether arbitration or intervention would end the struggle, but that it would end place that have changed the situation; quickly, within the next month, he and probably not all the money will be strongly believed."

JOHANNESBURG MINES

To be Exploded to Prevent Falling in British Hands.

LONDON, March 10,-A corres of the Daily Mail at Lourenzo Marques

telegraphing Thursday, says: "I am reliably informed that high officials openly avow that the British flag shall never fly at Johannesburg. The place will be razed to the ground and the mines put in readiness to be electrically exploded from the forts as occasion requires.

"Most of the gold mines except those which the government controls are in a shocking state. They are flooded and the machinery is rusty and being will-policeman of the state capitol square, fully smashed.

WANT PEACE

On Basis of Preservation of Independence.

LONDON, March 10.—The Daily Mail publishes the following dispatch from Pretoria, dated Thursday, March 8, via Lourenzo Marques, which has been censored by the Boer government:
"Conversations I have had with the

highest state officials show that the Boers want some arrangement. They say that if England is waging a war of conquest they will fight to the finish. Otherwise they believe that a plain statement of the Boer inetntions will reveal a basis of negotiation, now tha England's prestige is repaired.

President Kruger and President Steyn onferred Monday at Bloemfontein, on the incorporation of the above repr entations in a cablegram to Lord Salisbury. The preservation of the inde-pendence of the two republics is a sing

BOERS DEMORALIZED

President Kruger Shed Tears Over the Panic.

LONDON, March 10.-All the special dispatches from Poplar Grove confirm the reports of the panic of the Boers. The Morning Post's correspondent says:

"President Kruger shed tears at his ineffectual attempts to raily the who were too demoralized to heed his expostulations and declared that the British cannon were everywhere."

NO OPPOSITION

Is Anticipated in Advance on Bioemfontein.

POPLAR GROVE, Orange Free State, Friday morning, March 9,-General French, who is ten miles ahead reports that his front is clear of the Boers. All other reports tend to confirm the state general impression is that the further progress of the British to Bloemfontein will not be oposed. A great amount of ammunition was

destroyed to-day. This included sev-eral boxes of explosive bullets, on the outside of which the Boers had marked "manufactured for the British government.

NORVAL'S PONT

And Adjacent Drifts Occupied by Clements. LONDON, March 9, 9:05 p. m .- Thu

war office has issued the following dispatch from Lord Roberts: "Clemants has occupied Norval" Pont and the adjacent drift. As soon as the engineers, pontoon and troops arrive he will cross the river, when the necessary repairs to the railway bridge

will be commenced. "Gatacre occupied Burghersdorn March 7, and was greeted with great enthusiasm on the part of the loyal in habitants. His scouts report that large numbers of the rebeis in the neighbo hood are anxious to surrender."

DISSENSIONS

Between Kruger and Joubert-Latter Resigned. LONDON, March 10 .- The Berlin cor

espondent of the Daily Mail says: "I learn that there is dissension between President Kruger and General Joubert and that the latter has resign ed. Probably President Kruger will assume the chief command. General Schalkburger and other prominent commandants are also likely to resign for similar reasons and because President Kruger ignored their advice to make peace overtures after the first Boer victory."

eace rumors were founded on the fact hat President Kruger has appealed t Lord Salisbury for a cessation of hos-cilities, offering at length, by cable, the terms which he is willing to accept. These, however, are not taken seriously, as they include practically nothing more than what the Transvaal govern-ment offered prior to the issuing of the Pritish ultimatum.

ment offered proof to the leading of the British ultimatum.
Official circles here regard the prop-position as merely a ruse of the Boers to gain time, and do not consider that President Kruger is yet ready to con-sider the sweeping demands which Great Britain will make as reimburse-ment for the loss of life and great ex-posmiture.

penditure.

It was understood that President Kruger's advances had met with an emphatic rejection at the hands of Lord
Salisbury, who is believed to have said
that no such attempt to retain the independence of the Transvaal can be considered by the British government.

NO ACTION PROBABLE

On the French Reciprocity Treaty This Session.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.senate to-day to have the French reciprocity treaty referred to the finance procity treaty referred to ane mance committee. The report has reached the senate that the secretary of state has eached the service of the French government an extension of a year's time on the treaty. The belief is growing that the requested will be granted, and that no action on the treaty will be taken action on the treaty will be taken during the present session

Sensational Arrests at Frankfort.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 9.-W. H. coulton, a clerk in the office of State Auditor Sweeny, was arrested and placed in jail to-night, charged with omplicity in the murder of the late Governor William Goebel. The arrest was made by Chief of Police Williams at 9 o'clock. More arrests are likely tonight. Warrants have also been issued for the arrest of Secretary of State Cabut they have not yet been served. The warrants charge them also with being accessory to the Goebel assassination, and warrants against ex-Secretary of State Charles Finley and John T. Powers, brother of Secretary of State Powers, have been sworn out and have been sent to Whitely county for service, Davis is in the city to-night, but was not at his residence, and up to a late hour the police had not found him. It is not known whether Secretary Powers is in the city. Several witnesses who testified at the trial of Harland Whittaker Tuesday, swore that the shots at the time of the Goebel assassination were fired from the direction of Powers' flice and he and all of the parties for whom the warrants were issued toight have been under the strictest surrelliance ever since the assassination. Captain Davis was an appointee of Governor Bradley, and was continued under Governor Taylor.

Want Viva Voce Vote.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 9.—Democratic senators unanimously went on record to-day for a bill proposing to submit to the voters of the state a constitutional amendment repealing the secret ballot and substituting the viva voce system of voting. The bill nevertheless failed by reason of not having the votes of three-fifths of the senate.

SECRETARY MORELAND,

Of the Carnegie Company, Denies

Compromise Story. PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 9.—Sec-tary Moreland, of the Carnegie Steel Company, to-day declared emphatically that no compromise in the pending Frick-Carnegie litigation had ever been dreamed of, and that the sole object of he recent conference of those interest-d in the suits was to accomplish quicked in the suits was to accomplish quickly as possible the herculean task of getting all the papers ready for court. He
said it was hoped on the part of the
Carnegie company that its answers in
the Frick suit would be entered tomorrow, but this can hardly be done,
and it will probably be Monday before
the paper reaches the prothonotary's
office. It was said by the attorneys today that the answer of Henry Phipps,
jr. and H. M. Curry, defendants, who
will make separate returns will be filed
at about the same time the company t about the same time the company newer is made.

BIG COAL LAND DEAL.

Three Hundred Coke Ovens to be Erected.

GREENSBURG, Pa., March 9.-The amison Coal & Coke Company, after a ively struggle with big monied compe ition has closed a deal for 1,500 acres f coal land, the last of the Greensburg hasin to be bought up. The company vill erect three hundred coke ovens, and open mines in the early spring. The 3. Steel. The price has not been given ut, but it is said it will average about

NARROW ESCAPE

Of Trainmen and Passengers Passing Through a Tunnel.

200 per acre.

SOMERSET, Ky., March 9.-Engine Brien and the fireman of train No. 5, of the Queen & Crescent, which left Cincinnati at 6:50 a. m., were overcome o-day by smoke, while passing through he long tunnel at Kings mountain, fenn. Several members of the Gentry Tenn. Several members of the Gentry Dog and Pony Show were also over-come, but no one was killed and there was no wreek. Officials say the train was only delayed an hour. The tunnel is about a mile long.

New York Republicans.

NEW YORK, March 9 .- The annua linner of the West Side Republican lub was held to-night at Sherry's. The speakers of the evening were Governor Roosevelt, Edmund Wetmore, Commis-sioner Bingen Herman, of the United States land office, and Cornellus N. Blins. John Proctor Glarke presided and presented Governor Roosevelt.

And Giving Our Troops Trouble, by Harrassing Them When Opportunity Offers.

AGAIN

ACTIVE

CROSS IN EVIDENCE RED

Which to the Filipino Denotes Be sistance-Chinese and Spaniards Killed.

MANILA, March 9.-Generals Young and Hood are asking for reinforcements Senator Aldrich did not press his and a battalion of the Forty-eighth notion in the executie session of the regiment has been sent to Aparri. Other regiment has been sent to Aparri. Other troops will follow. The rebels recently persistently attacked Aparri for sev-

ance, is again appearing among the natives.

It is believed that the insurgent generals, This and Flores, have been driven by General Young Into General Hood's territory south of Aparri.

The fact that General Young is unable, owing to lack of troops, to maintain garrisons in all the towns occupied has had a bad effect on the natives.

General Bates has returned here after leaving garrisons in the provinces of North and South Camarines. The expedition lost seven men filled and ten wounded. On entering New Caceres, province of South Camarines, General Bates learned that 2,000 insurgents had departed the same day. The Americans immediately sent out three pursuing columns, engaging the ehemy in three small engagements and killing a tosail of forty men.

The Spanish prisoners report that the

small engagements and killing a total of forty men.

The Spanish prisoners report that the enemy has divided into small bands in the mountains, under the leadership of General Legaspi. The town of Iriga has been burned by the enemy. The provinces were thoroughly scouted. The inhabitants of the district of Lubmann, including Abelia, the provincial governor and other officials, are returning to their homes. Abelia has issued a proclamation, calling upon the natives to submit to the Americans.

The liberated priests from New Caceres report that the insurgents killed sixty-eight Chinamen and forty Spaniards at the town of Calabanga.

It is estimated that there are a hun-

It is estimated that there are a hun-ired thousand bales of hemp in the

dred thousand bales of hemp in the Camarines provinces.

Twelve hundred well armed insurgents, formerly of Cavite province, with a Chinese general in command, surround the towns of Albay and Legaspl. They have effected three night attacks and continually harass the Forty-acventh regiment, which has lost eight men killed and twenty wounded in defending those towns.

RED ASH MINE.

Twenty-eight Taken Out-Twenty Still in the Mine.

THURMOND, W, Va., March 9 .- The total number of those taken out of the Red Ash mine up to to-night is thirtyone, Of these William Robinson, Ell sha Bruce and a boy named Tom, all colored, are living, and may recover.

The total number of dead taken out is plained to the cabinet and the plans twenty-eight and the number thought and purposes of the secretary met with o be in the mine is twenty. This makes forty-eight killed and three injured The body taken out yesterday supposed to be that of Charles Downey, was found to be that of C. C. Stewart, Downey's body being recovered to-day. Six other bodies were found to-night, but they were so badly decomposed that they have not been recognized.

Coroner Montgomery and Prosecuting Attorney Dillon came to-day to hold the

ompanied by the Princess of Wales and Princess Henry, of Battenberg, drove through the West End, this afternoon There were huge assemblages everywhere along the route, who cheered he majesty unceasingly.

The bell of Saint Margaret's pealed merrily and the members of the house of commons cheered vociferously as the queen passed Westminster at 5:03

There was a great display of flags ounting and trophles along the route. The balconies of many residences wer draped with red cloth and streams of banners floated across the streets.

EX-MINISTER PHELPS

Dies at New Haven, After an Illness of Two Months.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 9 .- Hon E. J. Phelps, former minister to England, died at his home in this city, late this afternoon, after an illness of about two months. The end was peaceful, and for several hours before he passed away he was unconscious. There was present at the bedside the wife and son, Charles Phelps, of Boston, and present at the bedside the wife and son, Charles Phelps, of Boston, and daughter, Mrs. Horatio Loomis, of New York, and his physician. Though Professor Phelps recovered from the pneumonia attack, he was so

from the pneumonia attack, he was so weakened that he was unable to regain vitality. It had been hoped that he might recover until a few days ago, when it was apparent that his strength had so failed that it was but a matter of hours when death would come.

The funeral services will be held from Battell Chapel, Sunday.

Flood at Fremont, O.

Boer victory."

Hocking Valley Railroad to be Sold.

PEACE OVERTURES

CINCINNATI, O., March 9.—Judge
Taft will to-morrow issue a decree of for forecours and order of sale of the to Gain Time.

LONDON, March 9. 5:10 p. m.—Late this afternoon it is learned that the court fixed the upset price at \$3,500,000.

COLUMBUS, O., March 8.—A special to the Dispatch from Fremont, O., says, to the Dispatch from Fremont, O., says, to the Judge to the Dispatch from Fremont, O., says, to the Dispa COLUMBUS, O., March 8.-A special

bridge, connecting East and West Fre-mont. Workmen are strengthening the -many alout st sast uspamis pool off, the city remain inundated and the sew-ers are unable to carry off the surplus water.

CABINET MEETING

Secretary Gage Presents His Plan for Payment of Premium on Bonds the New Finance Bill Goes Into Operation-The Bill is Expected to Pass the House Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—At the cabinet meeting to-day Secretary Gage outlined his plan for carrying into effect the new finance bill which, it is expected, will pass the house next Tuesday and se approved by the President soon thereafter. The secretary explained that in all probability from \$5 to 40 per cent of the outstanding bonds, which may be refunded under the new law, will be presented for exchange within a comparatively short time. This would involve cash payments as premiums to the holders of the old bonds amounting to from \$30,000,000 to \$35,000,000. A ques tion which has occupied the attention of the secretary of late is whether this amount should be taken from the funds now in the treasury, or from the government deposits with depository McGovern down with a left swing on banks, or whether a part should be taken from the treasury and a part from the opening of the second round ernment deposits with depository banks, or whether a part should be

total amount of money held by the In the determination of this question, much will depend upon the rapidity right to the face which put Gardner with which old bonds are presented for exchange, and also upon whether the seeing that Oscar was helplessly unable ordinary treasury receipts keep up to to defend himself, the little champion their present mark. The secretary's stepped in and landed a left swinging reate as little financial disturbance as down and out. possible, in the settlement of premium ecounts. If the treasury receipts con tinus large and the aplication for exchange of old bonds for new is not ex-cessively heavy at the outset, it is altogether probable that a considerable share of the premiums will be taken from the treasury, but should there be a rush for the exchange of bonds it is away. Terry got his left to the Kid's system quite likely that the banks would be chin at the bell. called upon 40 share in the payments. On the other hand, the secretary does paid as premiums shall come from the treasury, the depository banks or both, depends for its solution largely upon ditions which cannot now be fore-The new bonds will be dated told. April 1, and the amount of premium to be paid on the old bonds will be calculated from that date, the rate in all cases being the same, which, according to the terms of the new act, is such as shall yield a return of 2% per cent per annum. These details were fully ex-

general approval. GENERAL WHEELER, According to the War Department,

Still An Officer. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.-The statement attributed to General Joe Wheeler in a recent interview in San Francisco, that he tendered his resig-Attorney Dillon came to day to hold the inquest, but adjourned the hearing to next Tuesday, when it is hoped the work of removing the bodies will have been completed.

OVATION TO THE QUEEN.

She Drove Through the West End of London.

Lon nation as an officer of the volunteer to quit the military service to resume his legislative duties, the matter will be considered by the President after a personal conference with him. It is asserted at the war department that General Wheeler was ordeded home from the Philippines at his request, as reported to the department by General Olis.

Countermanded.

WASHINGTON, March 9.-The navy department has countermanded the orlepartment has countermanded the or-ler for the Marblehead to proceed to he lathmus to look after American in-erests on the west coast. The order to he Detroit to proceed down the east coast still stands. The Philadelphia has beer ordered to proceed to Santa Bar-bara so that she will be in position to go at once to any point on the Inthus where revolutionary troubles may where revolutionary troub threaten American interests.

Big Indians With a Grievance. WASHINGTON March 9-The Ogage dians, who recently came to Washngton with the professed intention of its, are said to nother object in view, which is to pre er charges against the agent of the tribe. The secretary of the interior will give the delegation an opportunity to state their grievances to him.

Prisoner Removed for Safety. CINCINNATI, O., March 9 .-- A Maron, Ind., special to the Times-Star says:

Fred Dunker, the tramp who so brually attacked and chloroformed Mrs lenry Wise, wife of a prominent farme six miles south of Marion, and who with great difficulty was placed in the Mar-ion jail last night to prevent him from being lynched by indignant neighbors, was early to-day and with great se-crecy removed to the jail at Wabash, Ind., by the sheriff. The mob made strong demonstrations last night and twice nearly succeeded in getting pos-session of the prisoner.

Pittsburgh Harbor Cleared of Coal. PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 9 .- There were shipped to southern ports to-day, 2.597,000 bushels of coal. This practical-

Presented for Exchange When Came Last Night at New York, When Oscar Gardner Was Whipped By Terry McGovern.

And the Brooklyn Wonder Won in the Third Round-Gardner Led in the First.

NEW YORK, March 9 .- Terry Mc-Govern, of Brooklyn, knocked out Oscar Gardner, of Wheeling, in the third round of what was to have been a twenty-five round bout before the Broadway Athletic Club to-night. Mc-Govern was a favorite in the betting at large odds. Johnny White was the re-Gardner did some good work in the first round, succeeding in knocking until the end of the fight. His attack Attention was called to the fact that even if considerable sums were drawn from the depository banks in these settlements it would only amount to a against the torrent of blows McGovern settlements it would only amother, or rained on him. Three times Gardner from the credit of the government to the credit of the party surrendering the took the count. In the third round Mobonds in the same bank. Therefore the Govern rushed like a buil dog at his adversary and threw a left hook to the banks would not be materially changed. jaw which staggered the Wheeling lad towards the ropes. Then Terry sent a staggering in the opposite direction, and purpose, as stated to the cabinet, is to hook on the mark which put Gardner

Round 1. The men shook hands at 8:45. They sparred warily. Terry swung left lightly to the face. Gardner rushed Terry and knocked him down with a left hook on the jaw. Gardner rushed and Terry clinched to save him-self. McGovern was wild and held tightly. Gardner slipped in the break-

chin at the bell.

Round 2 Gardner started to rush things immediately. Terry clinched and On the other main, the present avaliable got right to wind. Terry got right and cash balance in the treasury which now left hooks at Gardner's head and land-amounts to about \$300,000,000, including ed three times in quick succession. the \$100,000,000 gold reserve, shall be Terry put left to faw and had Gardner largely encroached upon. The question, therefore, whether the cash to be self. Terry put right to faw and Gardner took the limit. Again Terry put the ed. right to jaw and again Gardner took the limit. Once more Terry did the trick and again Gardner took the limit.

The bell stopped further hostilities. Round 3. Gardner was a bit groggy when he came up and McGovern went right to his man. He feinted for the body and sent his left to the jaw. Gard ner staggered and then McGovern threw his right to the opposite jaw. This blow came with such fearful force plained to the cabinet and the plans that it practically put Gardner into helpless condition. He staggered to-ward the ropes and jumped out again as Terry rushed for him, but the little champion was too quick for him and sent his left swinging with terrific force, landing on the mark, and Garder dropped flat on his back and lay like a dead man until Referee Johnny White counted him out and announced

McGovern the winner.

McGovern was a 3 to 1 favorite early in the evening. The Gardner people

The contestants in the opening bout were Danny Dougherty,of Philadelphia, and Al Levy, of this city. They met at 195 pounds for a twelve round go

the end of the twelfth round Referes Johnny White declared Dougherty the winner. DEEP WAS THE GLOOM

In Wheeling Over the Result-Large Crowds Listened to "the Returns." There was gloom in Wheeling last night over the telegraphic announce ment that told of Oscar Gardner's defeat. The first shock was due to sur prise at the local favorite's sudden disposition, and when it gave way to the omfortless realization that the great little featherweight had met his Waterloo in the "Brooklyn Terror," came silence, followed by regret. Despite his defeat, Oscar Gardner didn't lose, a friend, and he remains as before in the estimation of those who know him best, as a game, gentlemanly little fellow, who went down before a fighting wonder of unparalleled speed,

strength and steam. The fight was received by rounds at the Grand Opera House, the pool rooms and a score of saloons, and, of course, at the Western Union office, and at all places there were large and anxious throngs. Jubilation was supreme at the close of the first round, for Oscar had scored a knockdown. But the sec-ond told the tale, and the announcement. "Gardner out," dispersed the crowds in a stampede for consolution \$5,000 retreats. Lots of money was lost on Wheeling's idol."

Maher Won on a Foul.

ing throughout. In the fourth round Conroy threw Maher heavily. Peter was up in a fissh and rained blows on Courroy's head, Courroy hanging on to save himself. The fifth and last round was opened by Maher landing a hard left on Courroy's law. Courroy clinched and in the break-away hit Maher in the groin. Maher fell into his chair and appeared to be suffering great agony. Referee Braden, of Beaver Falls, gave the decision to Maher at once,

MASON'S RESOLUTION,

Expressing Sympathy for the Boers Was Discussed by the Senate Be-hind Closed Doors-Mr. Lindsay (Ky.) Opposed Tariff Feature of Puerto Rican Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 9 .- Discus-

sion of Mr. Mason's resolution express ing sympathy for the Boers was cor ducted in the senate to-day behind closed doors, Mr. Davis, chairman o the foreign relations committee, de-manding that the doors be closed. The feature of the open session to-day was a speech by Mr. Lindsay (Ky.), on the Puerto Rican tariff and government measure. He opposed the tariff provimeasure. He opposed the tariff provision of the bill and some parts of the proposition for the Puerto Rican government. He maintained that under the treaty of Paris, which provided that the civil rights and political status of the native inhabitants of the Islands acquired by the United Status from Spain shall be fixed by Congress, that Congress had authority to deal with Puerto Rico and the Philippines as it saw fit—siving free trade to the one and levying a tariff on the products of the other. He oposed the doctrine that the constitution extended ex proprio vigors over the territory acquired by this government.

The balance of the Alaskan code bill

vigors over the territory acquired by this government. The balsance of the Alaskan code bill was read in the senate to-night from 8 until 10:50, when the senate adjourned, having compiled with the formality that requires one full reading each measure considered.

PENSION DAY

In the House Resulted in Passage of Winety-seven Bills.
WASHINGTON, March 8.—The first

day pension session of the house pro-yided for under the new rule adopted yesterday, proved a great success. There was comparatively little friction and ninety-seven bills were favorably acted upon in committee of the whole and subsequently passed by the house. The only incident of the session was a brisk exchange between Mr. Loud, of California, and Mr. Sulloway, of New Hampshire, upon the general policy of special pension legislation, in which the former attacked and the latter defended the extrem.

FUSE FACTORY

Blown Up-Four Killed and Others Injured. POMPTON, N. J., March 9.—The Smith fuse manufactory at this place, blew up to-day and four persons were

killed and a number more or less injur-The killed are:

The killed are:
John Rhoda.
William Cadmus.
William Cadmus.
William H. Taimage.
John Merritt, a boy.
They were at work in the factory
with about thirty other men and girls.
The bodies of the four persons killed
were badly mangled and some of them
ligown to places.
Percy Jacobus was blown into the
river and was badly hurt.
The works were owned by H. J.
Smith, mayor of Pompton. The firm
carried on an extensive business of
manufacturing dynamite fuse and
cartridges. A large portion of the
works was wracked and the loss on
stock and machinery, it is estimated,
will reach \$50,000.
It is not definitely known how many
persons were injured.

MILITARY SUPPLIES

In Kentucky State Arsenal Shipped

to London. FRANKFORT, Ky., March 9 .- The senate to-day reconsidered the Triplett resolution, appropriating \$100,000 for the recovering the arms and munitions of to make about 125,000,000

In the house the announcement greeted by prolonged applause. WAS NOT PLAGUE.

Chinatown Quarantine Has Been Lifted.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9 .- The poard of health has decided that the Chinaman who died here several days ago, and who was supposed to have symptoms of the bubonic plague, did ot die of that disease. The quarantine which has been maintained in China-town for several days, was lifted this

Electrical Contractors to Meet.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 9.-Elecrical contractors of the country who ere scheduled to meet in Pittsburgh were scheduled to meet in Pittsburgh March it will meet about a week later. It was found that the preparations for the national convention could not be completed, hence the postponement. President George R. Mathieu said tonight that it was intended to complete the march of the covapilion is a second to the convention in the convention e work of the convention in two days of that the local organization intends and that the local organization intends to have all matters of importance ready to submit when the convention is called to order. A meeting will be held on Monday, when the date will be definitely decided and the circular framed which is to be sent to all the electrical contractors in the country.

After an Alleged Defaulter. PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 9.-The alleged defalcation of Samuel T. Pais-

ley, ex-superintendent of highways and. ley, ex-superintendent of highways and, sewera, is growing. Originally, Mr. Palsley was supposed go have padded the pay rolls to the extent of about \$5,000. The investigation committee appointed by equucil, however, after only two days work, has discovered a shortage of \$9,200, and much work on the books remains to be done.

Mr. Palsley's attorney to-night said that the book with 150 names which was said to be the one used by Mr. Palsley.

Local Temperature.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., March 9.—Peter Maher was given the decision to-night over "Stockings" Conroy, of Troy, N. Y., on a foul in the fifth round of what was scheduled as a twenty-round contest. Maher had the best of the fight-

IN VOLUME OF BUSINESS

After a Year of Unprecedented Euging is Not Unusual or Disheartening.

OUTPUT OF IRON FURNACES

Is Somewhat Reduced by the Scarsify. of Coke, But Prices Are Maintained.

NEW YORK, March S.-R. G. Dun 3 Co.'s weekly review of trade to-morrows will say:

A certain hesitation in business with shrinkage in its volume is not unusual nor unnatural at this season. It is not necessarily disheartening, therefore, if business is no longer as large in volume as ever, but falls behind that of Fabruary or January or of the corresponding week last year. Strikes in building trades or the machinists and others at Chicago affect many industries and the wages of 50,000 hands. The remarkable rise in cotton has aparently met the expected reaction which tends for the time to repress business. A few of the great corporations are striving to hold prices without regard to present demand, hoping that the needs of the con-sumers may prevent reaction and re-new the rise of last year. Wide differ-ences of opinion also exist regarding the

effects of monetary action by Congress. Special causes are not needed to account for some pause after a year of unprecedented buying. That such trade could not continue without a pause is evident, and there is not now the excesssive speculation which threatened monetary trouble a year ago.

The output of iron furnaces, March L.

was 292,643 tons weekly, against 299,014 February 1, and unsold stocks increased 85,516 tons in February, making con-sumption 40,921 tons daily, against 41,-642 tons in January. Temporary stoppage of four furnaces near Pittsburgh by a strike, and the reduction of output by many furnaces in blast, perhaps in part desired and in pant the effect of scarcity of coke, have supported prices of pig and of finished products, and the only change is a slight decline in plates. Much business is evidently deferred just now because of doubt regarding future prices. Connellsville coke ovens are producing 219,221 tons weekly, with 200 more evens soon to be added, but coke is hard to get even at 33 50.

Cotton sold on Monday at 9.81 cents, the highest point since January 10, 1893, when the crop suddenly fell from 9,000,000 to 6,000,000 bales. A sharp re-action came on Wednesday, and the price dropped 3-16c that day and closed %c under the highest point. While the demand for immediate use has held goods strong, there has been for some time small desire to make contracts

ahead.

Estimates of wheat in farmers' bands, March 1, 164,000,000 bushels, according to the American Agriculturist, does not indicate a lack of supply this year, For with 54,000,000 bushels in visible stocks, there is in sight nearly as much as a year ago, when foreign demands were extraordinary, and yet the crop year ended with over 33,000,000 b visible supply. This year net exports in seven months, flour included, have been 111,221,835 bushels against 149,816,-407 last year, and in February enough to make about 125,000,000 bushals, against 168,000,000 last year, with no indications of a future foreign d approaching that of last year from March 1st to July 1st. Returns as to condition of winter wheat are also satisfactory. But of late prices have been very low and have advanced this week early 3 cents for spot and 1 cent for

May options. London wool sales, so long awaited by speculators here to lift up prices again, opened with a severe decline of 7% to 10 per cent, causing such disappointment that much selling is likely. especially as manufacturers who have held out of the market for some months have still too large stocks of wool and too uncertain a market for goods to be in haste. Prices had previously de-clined a little here, but with some transactions. The business in goods, though less active than has been expected, has been at fairly steady prices as yet. In boots and shoes no change appears in quotations, though not an eighth of tha and not a quarter for men's or women's heavy shoes, while the demand for light shoes has been the smallest in five years. Shipments on former orders have been less than in 1898, but larger than in the corresponding week of any, other year.

Failures last week were in amount \$3,482,827, manufacturing \$1,118,651, and trading \$2,161.211. Failures for the week have been 205 in the United States against 192 last year, and 33 in Canada

For Ohio-Fair Saturday, preceded by rain in eastern portion in the morning; colder in northeast portion. Sunday, fair

The temperature yesterday as obser-by C. Schnepf, druggist, corner of Mari and Fourteenth streets, was as follows: